

**Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice to the filing of at least one divisional patent application, amend claims 14-18 and add new claims 19-33 without prejudice as follows:

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended) A composite panel for use on a motor vehicle comprising, ~~in contrast~~

a first panel having a planar center region and a first peripheral lip;  
a second panel having a plurality of parallel corrugations and a second peripheral lip;  
adhesive on ~~said~~ the corrugations and lips for securing ~~said~~ the panels together; and  
a U-shaped channel engaging a portion of ~~said~~ the peripheral lips.

Claim 15 (currently amended) The composite panel for use on a motor vehicle of Claim 14 wherein ~~said~~ the first panel is comprises thermoformed high density polyethylene.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The composite panel for use on a motor vehicle of Claim 14 wherein ~~said~~ the second panel comprises fiber-reinforced plastic ~~is laid up fiberglass and a resin binder.~~

Claim 17 (currently amended) The composite panel for use on a motor vehicle of Claim 14 wherein ~~said~~ the U-shaped channel is comprises an elastomer.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The composite panel for use on a motor vehicle of Claim 14 wherein ~~said~~ the composite panel is configured for use ~~utilized~~ as a tonneau cover ~~on a truck.~~

Claim 19 (new) A composite panel, comprising:

a first panel having a planar center region and a first peripheral lip;  
a second panel having a plurality of parallel corrugations and a second peripheral lip,  
wherein the first panel and the second panel are secured together along the first and second peripheral lips.

Claim 20 (new) The composite panel of claim 19, wherein the first and second panels are secured along the first and second peripheral lips by adhesive.

Claim 21 (new) The composite panel of claim 19, wherein the first panel has a lower surface and the second panel has raised elongate surfaces on the corrugations and the lower surface of the first panel is secured to the raised elongate surfaces on the corrugations.

Claim 22 (new) The composite panel of claim 21, wherein the raised elongate surfaces on the corrugations are secured to the lower surface of the first panel by an adhesive.

Claim 23 (new) The composite panel of claim 19, further comprising a U-shaped channel which engages a portion of the first and second peripheral lips.

Claim 24 (new) The composite panel of claim 23, wherein the U-shaped channel comprises an elastomer.

Claim 25 (new) The composite panel of claim 19, wherein the composite panel is configured for use as a tonneau cover.

Claim 26 (new) The composite panel of claim 19, wherein the first panel comprises high density polyethylene.

Claim 27 (new) The composite panel of claim 19, wherein the second panel comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic.

Claim 28 (new) The composite panel of claim 27, wherein the fiber-reinforced plastic comprises fiberglass.

Claim 29 (new) A motor vehicle composite panel, comprising

a first panel having a planar center region, a lower surface and a depending flange extending about a periphery of the first panel;

a second panel having a plurality of parallel corrugations having raised elongate surfaces and a depending flange extending about a periphery of the second panel, wherein the lower surface of the first panel is secured to the raised elongate surfaces of the corrugations of the second panel and the depending flange of the first panel is secured to the depending flange of the second panel.

Claim 30 (new) The motor vehicle composite panel of claim 29, further comprising a U-shaped, elastomeric channel disposed around a portion of the depending flange of the first panel and the depending flange of the second panel.

Claim 31 (new) The motor vehicle composite panel of claim 29, wherein the first panel comprises high density polyethylene.

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Claim 32 (new) The motor vehicle composite panel of claim 29, wherein the second panel comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic.

Claim 33 (new) The motor vehicle composite panel of claim 29, wherein the motor vehicle composite panel is a tonneau cover.